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The proposed Microsoft settlement is shameful in its omissions, loopholes and simple ignorance of the importance of this case. It doesn't do anything to punish Microsoft for their illegal behavior (of which they have been convicted!) nor does it do much stop them from monopolizing other markets in the future.

The only thing it does do is to essentially prevent them from taking over the markets they've already taken over, and its loopholes and poor definitions do a poor job of even that.

Microsoft cannot be let off this easily, or it will continue to prevent innovation and competition in our computer industry. This is the government's chance to restore freedom to software developers and it is essential to do it right. Otherwise we will only prolong the sad track record of nearly zero major improvements in the field.

There are more details in this assessment of the proposed remedy:

<http://www.kegel.com/remedy/remedy2.html>

Humbly,

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